## **MEXICO SUDDENLY** RISES ON HORIZON

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To revert to the Mexican situation, ere is a strong opinion in financial reles that the administration having sposed of the income tax, the tariff, rrency reform, and outlined trust gislation is about to announce a ange in its Mexican policy.

Railroad securities can hardly be considered cheap, until some definite conclusion is reached on the rate case. There is a tendency to turn to the minor industrials and the low-priced railroads, as offering a greater profit. Amsterdam and the Continent have shown a disposition to purchase Eries, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Southern Railway and Rock Island. London apparently refuses to enthuse and has taken practically nothing in the recent upward movement.

"As January, so the year." Should this hold good during 1914, securities prices have written a happy prologue for the "new freedom" or prosperity under Democracy. However, conservatism for the moment, will be a good asset.

#### HEARS NEWS, DROPS DEAD

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### OPTIMISM IS SHARED BY COTTON MARKET

Following Publication of Census Report There Is Break of Twelve to Fifteen Points-Active Demand to Free January Shipment.

bollies will be of little advantage to the manufacturer of yarns and cloths. The situation as to supplies may not, therefore, be fully represented by an unqualified comparison of the indi-cated crop in bales with supplies of

### MUCH IRREGULARITY IN DOMESTIC WHEAT

Prices Fluctuate in Erratic Fashion, but Generally Within Narrow Range-Demand Stimulated by Lighter Receipts and Unfavorable Weather.

Aged Farmer Killed by Telegram Tell- much irregularity in domestic wheat, mand ing of Consin's Death.

Asheville, N. C., January 25.—John McKinney, aged seventy, a farmer residing near this edity, dropped dead Fri.

erally within a narrow radius. Net erally within a narrow radius. Net change afternoop after K messenge had read to him a telegram telling of the death of his cousin, Joe McKinney, aged sixty, who was killed a few hours before.

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Visible Supply. While the receipts have been diminishing, shipments into consumptive

channels, both domestic and foreign, were fairly heavy, and consequently large reductions are expected in the large reductions are expected in the visible supply. The strong tendency in European markets was partly attributed to unfavorable weather on the Continent, the temperature being extremely low, while In most instances snow protection was lacking, and some deterioration was apprehended, especially in France. As a result, Paris advanced sharply, while Budapest and Antworp also rose rapidly. This latter was attributed largely to disappointing shipments from Argentina and materially higher values in Buenos Ayres. This was brought about by disappointing threshing returns and light shipments from the interior. As a result, estimates as to the exportable surplus in that country were again reduced, the latest being 60,000,000 bushels. Shorts were also nervous, owing to unfavorable weather West, alternate thawing and freezing having taken place, with the weather finally exceedingly unfavorable, the temperature being abnormally high for the season, the mercury registering between 40 and 52 over a wide area in winter-wheat territory, which might lead to damage in case the temperavisible supply. The strong tendency in

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ture should drop below the freezing point.

The strength in cash markets was partly attributed to an excellent export demand for hard winter wheat at Chicago, and for Manitoba to arrive. The rising tendency in Europe was partly checked by heavier exports from Australia.

Corn Little Changed.

In corn the changes were rather unimportant as a rule, although early in the week the market was decidedly unsettled and irregular, with a slightly weaker drift, which was almost wholly attributed to the predominance of bearlsh sentiment. This was largely based on the expectation of an exceedingly big exportable surplus in Argentina. As a result, new corn for forward shipment from that country has been offered freely at materially lower figures, May-June shipments to Liverpool being quoted as low as 613-4 cents, which contrasted sharply with 65 cents or slightly over for May contracts in Chicago. Afterwards the mar-

### ATTENTIONTOCENTRE ON SPOT SITUATION

inquiry has come chiefly from those exporters who had January commitments to fill; bulls, while acknowledging that January shipments had much to do with the situation, have claimed that a fresh demand was being created and that millmen were coming to a realization that supplies

# SUCCESSFUL WORK

able lectures we have heard on the lines of dairying, horticulture, animal husbandry, etc., will not only be of great personal benefit to us, but will help greatly with the work in our

demonstration agent is to carry the practical results of the State experiin abundance by a crops and the use not good farming. Go s good in the case of a demonstrator is a dangerous thing. We have found the lectures exceedingly practical, and they have been delivered by nen who knew their subjects."

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# INFERIOR PLATE FOR BATTLESHIPS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, January 25 .- A naval scandal involving collusion between armor plate manufacturers and naval officers to equip American battleships with inferior armor plate is being in-

officers to equip American battleships with inferior armor plate is being investigated by a group of United States Senators, it was learned to-day.

Information and statistics upon which the charges were based were initially submitted to a Democratic member of the upper house by a man referred to as a "competent expert." The matter has been called to the attention of other Senators, and if the statements are found to be true, a resolution of inquiry will be introduced in the Senate.

It is charged that naval experts know that the navies of Japan, Great Britain, Germany and France some time ago abandoned the manufacture and use of armor intended to withstand armor-piercing projectiles. Armor-piercing projectiles themselves, according to information, are now inferior.

The effective weapon of the navies of these countries is described as a shell containing an explosive of enormous power. Their blow against the outside does vastly more damage than any penetrating projectile could. These shells can be fired at a distance so great that a battleship fleet not so equipped would be at the mercy of its opponent long before it came within effective firing range. The charge is made that rather than admit a serious blunder has been made in ship construction, officials who decide the class of plate to be used, have been willing to proceed along present lines, added by armor plate manufacturers who are making big profits, and who have joined with the officials in decrying the necessity for a more expensive and more durable plate required to meet the new conditions. Officials of the Navy Department discredited the statements.

"We have heard the story before that foreign nations have discarded armorphering shells, but we know it to be false," said Rear-Admiral Joseph Strauss, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department. "Toreign nations are still getting the kind of armor-piercing shells," said Rear-Admiral Joseph Strauss, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department. "There has been talk of this kind for two years p

# WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY



y. F. Massey. give me a formula an average fertilizer for corn made up of cotton-seed meal, acid-phosphato of grass, you cannot expect it to grow alba, and though it does not belong much till spring opens, and I would to the same genus as alfalfa, the soil imply let it alone till the new growth tarts in spring. Then mix 300 pounds profitable to depend on a complete fer-tilizer mixture for corn—that is, one that contains nitrogen—as it costs

with that on the same sort of land without the fertilizer, you will find that you have paid a very good price for the increase. Now you can make a very good average fertilizer for corn by mixing 1,200 pounds of acid phosphate, 600 pounds of cottonseed meal and 200 pounds of the muriate of sounds of this, half in the hill and half if you will leave out an acre without the fertilizer and compare the ent price of cottonseed meal, you have paid a very good price for all the in-Especially is organic decay to further improve the mechanical texture and moisture-re-taining character of your soil. Then the getting of organic decay into your soil and an occasional liming you will of phosphorus, either acid phosphate,

Compare this with their land instead of speculating in their land instead of specificers are fertilizers. Commercial fertilizers are an important ald in good farming if

which you could get delivered

vary greatly. The red clays of our ter for seed corn.
Piedmont section, which are formed from the decomposition of the rocks, often have more lime in them than many of the so-called limestone soils, that are simply sedimentary on top of lime rocks and not formed from them.

Test your soil for acidity, and if it is acid, use lime, and then if the liming has a good effect, do not jump to the conclusion that all you have to do is to keep on liming, for this by no means follows. Liming once in six years will keep land sweet, and in the meantime use every effort to increase the organic decay in the soil, and you will find lime a great help. But, as I have said, no amount of liming will make poor land rich.

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instance. What legumes will it inoc-ulate for?" There are a few legumes that carry with the seed the bacteria good stand, as sown in the burr, will carry the inoc well prepared, but the soil for alfalfa, Medicago sativa I would like. What same family the Lespedezas, but none kind of fertilizer of these are of any special value to can I apply now the farmer except the Japan clover to give it a start itself. You must remember that while off? I would also be this and some other plants are called this and some other plants are called clover, they are not true clovers. Clovers all belong to the genus Trifolium, while Japan clover belongs to the Lespedeza genus. Then the weed known as sweet clover is Melilotus where it grows has been found to in oculate land for alfalfa.

Then we have a little true clover I have is not Rabbitfoot clover. Where this grows plentifully the soil will be found abundantly inoculated for crimson clothat all the true clovers, the Trifolium terlum. But, as I have said more tha will thrive, for no amount of inco-ulation will avail in an acid soil, and gumes that will not set up the inco crop fails partly one season, it same soil the next season. Years ago it was the general opinion that crim-son clover would not thrive down near the Gulf Coast, but a correspondent of some and it made a very poor growth He sowed the same land the next fall and had a remarkably fine growth and plenty of nodules on the roots, showbrought in the bacteria

"What varieties of tobacco are bes and if any of our readers know bette varieties, I will be glad to hear from them. I have never grown any others and hence cannot give my experience prefer the Orinoco.

Clover for Cotton.

without the winter cover ready to give them up to the cotton crop. I had far rather have a halfgrown crop of crimson clover

not good farming.

Go Slow.

Do not be carried away with what If the corn was thoroughly Do not be carried away with what be kept where it cannot freeze. In cems now to be a perfect craze for fact, it is far safer to keep seed corr seems now to be a perfect craze for liming. Make sure that your land in a dry and warm place and not in a needs lime, and do not imagine that you can make poor land rich by liming it. You cannot do it. Lime is very larm as freezing. Spread out on useful as a means for making the soil shelves in a close room, or hung up in the growth of legume sacks in such a room, where there favorable to the growth of legume sacks in such a room, where there crops, but the needs of soils for lime will be no hard freezing will be bet-

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